



Mission Statement

To support Native American students in obtaining skills that lead to lifelong self-sufficiency.



Step Up Your Potential Project

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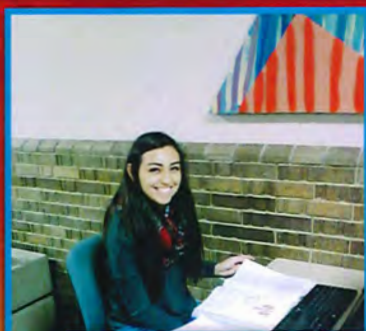
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About

Project Step Up is a Department of Education – Native American Career & Technical Education Program grant project. The project strives to provide direct student support to Native American students who are interested in approved fields under the Early Childhood Education, Health, and Industrial Maintenance areas of study.

Many times our everyday life struggles hinder our academic paths. Project Step Up would like to assist students in overcoming those struggles to ensure they complete College to obtain industry recognized credentials and degrees. Achieving your academic goals will ensure a sustainable future for yourself and families.



Diploma and Degree Programs Sponsored

Early Childhood Education

- Early Childhood Education
- Early Childhood Education Curriculum
- Early Childhood Education Studies
- Education-Paraprofessional

Health

- Administrative Assistant-Medical
- Dental Assistant
- Paramedic-EMS
- Medical Assistant
- Medical Coding Specialist
- Medical Secretary
- Medical Transcriptionist
- Nursing
- Pharmacy Technician
- Physical Therapist
- Pre-Dental Hygiene
- Surgical Technology

Industrial Maintenance & Mechanics

- Air, Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration
- Carpentry
- Construction
- Electrician
- Drafting- Industrial Facility
- Industrial Plant Technology
- Manufacturing
- Mechanical Engineering Technology
- Advanced Welding
- Qualifies Welding
- Welding
- Wind Turbine Maintenance Specialist
- Wind Energy Technician

Eagle Dancer "Steps to Success"

The eagle dancer depicts the movements of the eagle soaring, attacking, surviving with strength, courage and adaptability, to survive with a heart strong vision. Stepping up to education, training, knowledge and skills while reaching for attainable goals for self-sufficiency.

Eligibility Requirements

- High School Diploma or GED
- Enrolled member of a Federally recognized tribe
- Reside in Dakota, Thurston, or Woodbury counties
- Provide proof of college admissions
- Registered in a 1 year diploma Program, or 2 year Associates Degree Program
- Pass drug test & background check

**All applications are reviewed by the Step Up Selection Committee.*

Student Support Offered:

- College Application Process
- Tuition, Fees and Book assistance, if applicable
- Required Equipment and Tools assistance
- Minimum Wage Stipend
- Transportation assistance
- Childcare assistance
- Workforce preparation and job search assistance

Employment Assistance

Once students complete the program they are given additional assistance in applying for jobs in the local area.

Assistance includes but not limited to:

- List of current job announcements.
- Computers and Printer available.
- Application assistance.
- Job contacts and referral .
- Resume and Recommendations letters.